

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Gant, Abdallah, Albers, Dempster, Duenwald, Hansen (Tom), Hauge, Heidepriem, Hoerth, Hunhoff, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Lintz, Maher, McCracken, McNenny, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Smidt (Orville), Sutton, and Turbak Berry and Representatives Wick, Ahlers, Boomgarden, Burg, Cutler, Dykstra, Engels, Feinstein, Gassman, Gillespie, Gilson, Glenski, Hackl, Heineman, Hills, Howie, Hunt, Jerke, Kirkeby, Koistinen, Krebs, Lust, Miles, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Betty), Olson (Russell), Peters, Pitts, Rave, Sigdestad, Steele, Thompson, Van Etten, Vanneman, Weems, and Willadsen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Congress and the President of the United States
2 to restore funding for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

3 WHEREAS, President Bush's FY 2009 budget proposes to eliminate all funding for the
4 Lewis & Clark Regional Water System; and

5 WHEREAS, the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System is a critically needed project that
6 is to improve the quality of life for over 300,000 people by providing quality and plentiful
7 drinking water and by expanding the opportunity for economic development; and

8 WHEREAS, to date, twenty cities and rural water systems have paid over 98.6 percent of
9 their share of the project, totaling \$106.5 million; and

10 WHEREAS, the three states participating in the project have either paid in full their share,
11 as in the case of Iowa and Minnesota, or accelerated the funding for the project, as South Dakota



1 has proposed; and

2 WHEREAS, to date, South Dakota has paid \$12.9 million for the project, not including the
3 \$6.4 million proposed this year; and

4 WHEREAS, state and local participants have shown their strong support by prepaying or
5 accelerating their payments and will have prepaid its remaining share by 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, continued funding from the federal government is critical for the timely and
7 successful completion of the project; and

8 WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System
9 funding is from the federal government:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Third Legislature
11 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
12 Dakota Legislature urges the members of the South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa Congressional
13 delegations to do whatever is possible in securing at least \$26.5 million, which was the amount
14 Congress enacted for FY 2008, or more.